

## IN AND AROUND THE PENINSULA

### Chanukah Functions.

About three hundred people attend a very successful Chanukah concert held at the Talmud Torah Hall, Grove Avenue, Claremont, on Sunday, the 13th December, 1936, under the direction of Rabbi A. R. Abrahamson, supported by local and Cape Town talent. The following were the artistes who took part: Misses Freda and Jayne Gild, Ada and Fanny Abrahamson, Annie Kriger; Rabbi Abrahamson, Messrs. H. Blume, A. Miller, M. Goodman, and Masters J. Levy, Jackie Abrahamson, Jackie Farman, Joe Freedman, the B.O.Z.S. and the pupils of the Talmud Torah. Miss Gild was the accompanist.

Mr. Atkins, the Chairman of the Talmud Torah, presided, and the concert was opened by Mr. Harry Beck, the President of the Claremont Congregation, who paid tribute to the tremendous efforts on the part of Rabbi Abrahamson and the Education Committee. The Chanukah candles were then lit and Rabbi Abrahamson and the Choir sang Maoz Tzur, accompanied by Miss Jayne Gild.

An excellent and varied programme which included songs, recitations, monologues, lectures by members of the Talmud Torah on Chanukah, dances, and plays in both English and Hebrew, followed.

Tribute was paid to the organiser, Rabbi Abrahamson, by Mrs. Bloch and Mrs. Gorfinkel during the distribution of prizes and Chanukah presents to the pupils, which followed immediately after the concert.

Mr. H. Gorfinkel proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Rabbi Abrahamson, the Education Committee, and the artists.

On Sunday evening a large number of German immigrants and their friends gathered at "Rosecourt" to celebrate Chanukah. Mrs. L. Mirvish and Mrs. R. Friedlander were the hostesses and Rev. Kibel recited the prayers at lighting the candles. Everyone present joined in the singing of "Moaz Tzur," after which Rev. Kibel gave a talk on the significance of the festival.

On behalf of the immigrants, Mr. Herman expressed thanks to Rev. Kibel and the hostesses as well as appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg who had made these gatherings possible by their gift of the house.

A Chanukah concert was given by the children of the Wynberg Hebrew School and Kindergarten on Thursday, December 10th, in the hall of the Royal Hotel kindly lent by Mr. S. M. Kaplan. Songs and recitations by the Hebrew School children were very much enjoyed by the audience. The little tots of the kindergarten rendered songs and recitations in which the "trendel" played a part. There was also a sketch "Hasirim al Hakir," and in the eurythmics which is quite a novelty in local kindergartens the children really excelled themselves. The success of the evening was no doubt due to "gveret Chana" (Mrs. Shenowitz) the "ganant," and Mr. Potashnik. Mr. Gordon also helped.

Dr. C. Resnekov was present and addressed the audience in a few well chosen words on the importance of Hebrew education. After a vote of thanks by Mr. S. Galloon the concert ended with the singing of Hatikvah.

A large gathering attended the Chanukah Service conducted by Cantor S. Kugel, at the Roeland Street Synagogue on Saturday last.

The Vice-President, Mr. I. Shuel, delivered an eloquent address on the significance of the Chanukah Festival and the kindling of the candles. He showed that the call of Mattathias to his people "Whosoever is zealous of the Law and covenant let him follow me," still remains the inspiration of the Jewish people.

Antiochus, who hated the Jews and their religion, was determined to destroy Judaism root and branch, a thing which appeared to him easy to execute on account of the hellenistic cult which had already penetrated into nearly all ranks and classes of the Jewish nation. But Israel stood the test and overcame its oppressors.

The fight of the Maccabees for freedom stands as a symbol for all times and generations. Whenever the Jewish nation is confronted with calamity—from whichever direction it may come—there is only one comfort and remedy: the unshaken belief in the God of Israel and that He will not forsake his children.

After the address Cantor S. Kugel conducted the Maariv Service, lit the Chanukah candles and sang "Maoz Tzur." His singing, accompanied by the playing of the organ, was greatly appreciated by the gathering.

On Sunday morning, the 13th inst., a very large gathering of parents and friends took place at the Parow Communal Hall in celebration of Chanukah. The children of the Kindergarten presented a play in Hebrew and several of them gave individual items. The senior pupils of the Hebrew School presented several short sketches, recitations and songs. The standard of both sections was exceptionally high. At the conclusion of the concert a presentation was made to Mrs. Lipshitz, the Kindergarten teacher, by her pupils. A most successful and enjoyable morning concluded with the singing of Hatikvah.

### Forthcoming J.N.F. Concert.

The J.N.F. Concert at Muizenberg Pavilion on Sunday evening promises to be the outstanding affair of its kind this year. It is being run under the direct control of the Western Province Jewish National Fund Executive which ensures that Jewishness of tone and spirit for which that body is known.

Two very interesting and quite original symposia of Jewish melodies have been arranged by Mr. Pulvermacher. The one is built up of well known songs of the Galuth and the other of the new songs of Eretz Israel. These arrangements will be played by an instrumental trio and are certain to be keenly enjoyed.

Mr. S. Lubeck, the well-known baritone, will sing two song groups, one classical (including an aria from Halevy's "The Jewess") and the other Hebrew. The latter are an exceptionally appealing set. Miss Hannah Oblowitz, who has frequently delighted Jewish audiences with her elocution, will recite a Chanukah poem very suitable to the festival.

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### Social and Personal.

The marriage of Hannah, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Suchedowitz, Garfield Road, Oranjezicht, Cape Town, to Max, second son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Katzen, of Johannesburg, will be solemnized in the Great Synagogue, Gardens, Cape Town, on Friday, 25th December, 1936, at 12 noon.

Mr. E. Kluk is returning to-morrow in the "Duilio" from Palestine, where he spent about a year at the Head Office of the Zionist Organisation in Jerusalem. He will be met by members of Committees of Zionist Societies in the Western Province at a reception in the Zionist Hall on Tuesday evening, 22nd inst.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Gluckmann have arrived from Johannesburg on a few weeks' holiday and are staying at the Esplanade Hotel, Muizenberg.

Mrs. M. Kentridge and family have arrived from Johannesburg on a few months' holiday.

Dr. B. G. Shapiro is leaving to-day in the "Edinburgh Castle" for London where he will continue his research studies.

Miss Lena Abelsohn is leaving to-day in the "Edinburgh Castle" and will spend a year in London teaching under the teachers' interchange scheme.

Mrs. Deborah Katzin, of Johannesburg, is spending a holiday at Muizenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cohen, of Kimberley, are spending a holiday at Hout Bay.

Mr. S. Kuper, of Johannesburg, is spending a holiday at Muizenberg.

Miss Anne Hersch, of Johannesburg, is spending a few weeks' holiday in Cape Town.

Mr. M. Wolozinsky, M.A., Lecturer in Hebrew at the University of Cape Town, and Miss H. Wolozinsky are leaving on Thursday for Johannesburg and Durban on three weeks' holiday.

Cable news has been received by Mr. and Mrs. S. Singer, of Brooklyn, that their son, Alec, has passed his final examinations in medicine at Liverpool University.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaplan (nee Rose Newstead) are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Cable news has been received that Bernard, son of Mr. S. and the late Mrs. Polonsky, has passed his final M.B., Ch.B. examination at Liverpool University.

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### CONSECRATION.

HERMAN.—The consecration of the tombstone in memory of the late Mrs. Adele Herman will take place on Sunday, December 27th, at 11 a.m., at Woltemade, Eighth Gate.

### DEATH.

BEROLD.—Barney, beloved husband of Fanny Berold and father of Lulu, May, George and Freda, passed away peacefully at his residence "Sharon," Fairfield Road, Parow, on Sunday, 13th instant. Deeply mourned.

